



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Population: Question on Place of Birth (P-7)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT PLACE OF BIRTH

- The Department of Education uses these data to allocate funds to school districts and states.
- The Department of Health and Human Services uses these data to support research on the delivery of services to children, people of various racial and ethnic groups, and the elderly.
- Private community organizations use these data to conduct voter registration drives and teach English.
- Businesses, economists, political scientists, and other researchers use these data to analyze social and economic trends.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

7 Where was this person born?

☐ In the United States – Print name of state.

☐ Outside the United States – Print name of foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT PLACE OF BIRTH

- No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
- Public Health Service Act
- Immigration Nationality Act

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HISTORY OF THE PLACE OF BIRTH QUESTION

- The question on place of birth was first asked in 1850.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The place of birth question is part of a series of questions used to describe the population as native and foreign born. Place of birth is needed to provide information about whether the population was born in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Island Areas, or in a foreign country.

Vital information on lifetime migration patterns also comes from the place of birth question.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at

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